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The same cannot be said of non-Western Christians in Islamic countries who often are beaten, discriminated against (Christians and Jews are often paid only half of their Muslim counterparts, per the command of the Quran) and prevented from free and open worship. Sometimes, they are mutilated or killed. **The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (www.uscirf.gov)** and groups like the International Justice Mission (www.ijm.org), Voice of the Martyrs (www.persecution.com) and Christian Solidarity Worldwide (www.cswusa.org) quantify this upsetting pattern of violence regularly.

The debate about minarets in Switzerland is, at one level, about architecture. But go beneath that level slightly and you will find a nation fearful of the extreme Muslims in its midst -- a minority of those present, most certainly, but a growing danger, nonetheless.